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Owl Prowl at Ozark National Scenic Riverways

Eminence, MO – "Whooo cooks for you?" asks the Barred Owl. Owls have fascinated mankind for centuries, from the wise owl of the Greek goddess Athena to Winnie the Pooh's friend. On Saturday evening, January 7th, 2012, join a park ranger on an *Owl Prowl* to learn more about these creatures of the night. Explore fact and folklore about these little understood hunters of the night. Using recorded owl calls, the ranger will hopefully encourage the owls to respond and perhaps entice them to approach close enough for a good look see.

Meet the ranger at 5:00 pm for this FREE program at the Alley Spring General Store Visitor Center. Alley Spring is located six miles west of Eminence, Missouri on State Route 106. The walk will be less than one mile, but dress for the weather. It is chilly this time of year! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A bit of snow adds interest to the walk. However, threatening inclement weather or hazardous driving conditions may cancel the program. Please call (573) 323-8093 during business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/ozar for current information and if necessary, the rescheduled program date.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.



Owls such as this Screech Owl may be seen or heard during the Ozark National Scenic Riverways "Owl Prowl" program.

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